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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET MARITIME RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NON-PAPER THAT AMBASSADOR
DOBRYNIN HANDED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST ON JUNE 12:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOVIET MERCHANT
MARINE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING HAS BEEN
ONCE AGAIN STIRRED UP LATELY IN THE AMERICAN PRESS. AT
THE SAME TIME THE US CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING BILLS AIMED
AT UNFOUNDED LIMITATIONS TO COMMERICAL ACTIVITES IN THE
UNITED STATES OF STATE-OWNED SHIPPING ENTERPRISES AND
FIRST OF ALL OF SOVIET SHIPPING COMPANIES. THE POSITION
OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON THESE QUESTIONS WAS ALREADY STATED
MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PAST, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE USSR
EMBASSY NOTE TO THE DEPARTME;T OF STATE OF JUNE 16, 1977
WE REAFFIRM THIS POSITION OF OURS.

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THE SOVIET SIDE PROCEEDS FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT SHIPPING
AS AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TIES
NEEDS APPROPRIATE STABILITY WITH A VIEW TO A LONG-TERM
DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS IN THIS
FIELD. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE
FORTHCOMING MEETING IN MOSCOW IN EARLY JULY, 1978, OF THE

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
SOVIET-US MARITIME AGREEMENT. CONSIDERING COOPERATION IN
THIS SPHERE A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT
OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS WE EXPECT THAT THE US SIDE
WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE EFFORTS TO ENSURE POSITIVE RESULTS
OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING. END QUOTE. VANCE

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